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Toronto, Dec. 7, 10 a. m.—Fresh southerly winds, mostly cloudy, with light falls of snow or rain by night; higher temperature, Friday, westerly winds, fair weather.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The ladies of the Home will hold their regular fortnightly meeting on Friday at 3.30 p. m. in the council chambers.

Rev. E. J. Companion, T. Peters, Grand Superintendent of this district, will pay an official visit to Macnab Chapter, R. A. M., Dresden, to-night.

Miss Grace Terry and Miss Jennie McKerral of this city, are visiting their friend Miss Lyla Palmer, Kent Bridge.

D. McNeil Smith's Form, IV, certificate has just come to hand from the educational department—a few hours too late to have it recorded in the annual "Commencement" booklet of the C. C. I.

The Poole Comedy Co. of this city, visited Merit last evening. They were greeted with a good house and realized some \$10.

While John McKerral of Chatham township, brother of Mrs. McKerral, and Dr. B. B. B. were attending the funeral of the late Squire McKerral yesterday, they had a narrow escape from being killed at the G. T. R. crossing, opposite Henry Weaver's store. A freight train they did not see coming, only missed them by a foot.

Miss Pratt, the talented and skilled pianist of the Krause Conservatory of Music, played all the accompaniments at Miss Swan's recital in the Victoria Avenue Methodist Church, on Thursday evening. Miss Pratt's name was inadvertently omitted in the account in yesterday's paper of the recital.

XMAS NECKWEAR NOVELTIES.

No time within the history of neckwear has there been a greater variety placed on the market than now.

Among the beautiful makes is the English square, now so popular.

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OLDEST MEMBER

Of the Women's Missionary Society of Park Street Church.

Presented With a Certificate of Life Membership—A Large Gathering at Mrs. Cowan's.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Park St. Methodist church met yesterday at the pleasant and pretty residence of Ald. Geo. W. Cowan, King St. west. There were present the officers of the society, Mrs. S. F. Gardner, president; Mrs. Wm. Snell, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Thos. Snook, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Wm. McKeough, treasurer; Mrs. Geo. G. Taylor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George W. Cowan, recording secretary, and about sixty other members of the society and visitors. This was the first meeting in Mrs. Cowan's new home, and all were highly delighted with their cordial reception. One of the features of the meeting was the presentation of a beautifully engrossed and framed certificate of life membership to Mrs. Marquand, the oldest member of the society. Mrs. McKeough made the presentation and Mrs. Thos. Snook read the following address:

My Dear Mrs. Marquand:—You have been an active member of the Chatham Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church from the date of its organization in Chatham, about eighteen years ago, during which period you have given your time, your means and your talent for the advancement and successful carrying on of this branch of Christ's work in our midst. Your friends desire to express their love and regard for you, deem this a favorable opportunity to present you with a certificate of life membership of the society, with the hope that you may be spared many, many more years to continue in this work of spreading the gospel of Jesus, and be a source of strength to the cause and an encouragement to the other members of the society not to grow weary in their efforts in the divine task, and with the prayer that God may, during your declining years, shower upon you His choicest gifts every needed blessing.

Mrs. Marquand was overcome by the kindness of the other ladies of the society, and made a feeling reply. Dainty refreshments were then served and the usual collection taken up, over \$12-being realized.

PROUNCE COMEDY CO.

Will Appear for Three Nights in the Opera House Commencing To-night.

The company is one of the best of the kind that has ever visited our town. Every member is a star, and excels in his or her particular line. The show is intensely funny throughout, and the audience was kept convulsed with laughter from beginning to end. Magee and Crimmons in their original act, entitled "Fun in a Gymnasium," created lots of amusement. Mr. Crimmons, besides being a first class comedian, is a sketch artist of no mean merit, and in the course of the evening drew sketches of the Queen and Admiral Dewey, which created much enthusiasm. Mr. Bert Hewer, comic vocalist, gave several character songs. Miss Claire Maynard and Mr. Frank Purcell, prima donna and bell boy, gave a very funny act which brought down the house. Mr. Philip Baer, the phenomenal tenor, has a magnificent voice, clear and

pure as a bell, and his selections were thoroughly appreciated. Mr. Art Bando performed some wonderful feats of acrobatic juggling, which excited the wonder and admiration of audience.

Not the least interesting feature of the entertainment was the moving pictures which included several South African scenes, the embarking of troops, the warships, etc. The company will appear to-night in the Grand; also Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday matinee.

IN STRONG FORCE

The Boers are Massing to Oppose Methuen.

Six Thousand Free State Troops Withdrawn for that Purpose From Ladysmith.

London, December 7.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Forester-Walker, British commander at Cape Town:

Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Gen. Methuen wires to-day that he has resumed command and is highly in communication with Kimberley. The health of the troops is excellent.

THEY HAVE LEFT.

There seems to be no doubt that the Free State troops have left the vicinity of Ladysmith. An explanation of the retirement may be found in a despatch from Modder River, Dec. 3, saying that a strong Boer force, estimated to number 3,000 men, was reinforced by Gen. Cronje from Natal. The same despatch says everything points to the fact that a great engagement will be fought at Spytfontein. The Boers are massing on the hills there, are vigorously building stone defenses and are digging rifle-pits in every direction.

The Boers' redoubts on Lazaretto ridge, west of Kimberley, are also being extended and strengthened, showing that the rumors of the intention of the Boers to abandon the attempt to stem Gen. Methuen's advance are unfounded.

The British have shifted their camp a few hundred yards away from the battlefield and are settling down for a week. There are some cases of fever among the troops. Much depends on Gen. Gatacre's advance. There is undoubtedly a large concentration of Boers ahead of Gen. Methuen. Practically the whole of their Mafeking forces have joined the Kimberley besiegers.

Scouting parties have exchanged shots on the south bank of the Tugela. A newspaper correspondent named Lynch, went into the Boer camp to try to exchange news. He was sent to Pretoria.

The Stephenson Quartette, of Cincinnati, one of the finest ladies' string quartettes in the country, will give a charming program of popular and classic airs at the C. C. I. on Friday night.

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4 pcs. 36 inch wide tweed suiting, in mixed coloring, cheaper than print, our cut price 12½c.

10 pcs. 40 inch wide fancy woven cloth, in all the pretty mixed coloring, special purchase, regular value 40c, cut price 25c.

4 pcs. 42 in wide fancy woven cloth, in two tone effects, large and small checks, black and blue, black and green, black and copper, brown, special purchase, regular value 75c and 85c, our cut price 50c.

9 pcs. 40 in. wide heavy union Amazon cloth, in all the good selling shades of brown, black, myrtle, garnet, bright green, fawn, army blue, navy blue, seal brown, regular value 30c, our price 25c.

4 pieces 38 inch wide heavy swell dress goods in fancy plaid, pretty for children's dress, regular value 35c, our cut price 25c.

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33 pieces fancy silks, in plaid, brocade, checks, two tones and plains, a beautiful lot of silks and we think special value at 50c per yard.

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The demand for these lines is increasing (fashionable, fashionable folks want them, we have several new lines which are special value.

Black Velvets

The best in the city you will say when you see them, we show them at 25c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00.

Velvet Cords

For ladies' suits and shirt waists, we have a full range of colors of this popular cloth at 40c per yard.

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A special line of peau de soie, in solid colors, in all the new shades, 22 inches wide and guaranteed not to cut, Our Xmas price 75c.

Bengaline, in nice fine cords and in all the leading shades, the most correct silk for evening wear, the best wearing silk in the market, Xmas price \$1.00.

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We will place on sale in our Big Clothing Department

2 Big Snaps**Men's Suits****Men's Ulsters**

See Suit Window

...150...

One hundred and fifty men's suits consisting of all the new things shown this season in worsted serge, tweeds and novelty rough goods, in single and double breasted styles and skirt coats. These goods are made with wide facings and the best of linings, they are good fitters and the regular price is \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00; sizes 34 to 42, your pick

For \$7.50**...75...**

Seventy-five Men's Ulsters, made from all-wool heavy fabric interlined with fibre chambray good wool tweed lining, made with all the ulster comforts, big storm collars, slash pockets, extra well made with lapped seams, very cozy and dark coloring Oxford gray, a coat that sells anywhere for \$7.00, sizes 36 to 44, Saturday

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